

Butte Department.

WON'T RAISE RATES

Butte Is Too Good a Town to Be Cut by Insurance Men.

THE PREMIUMS COLLECTED

Losses Sustained by the Companies Doing Business in Montana—Report of Fires for May in the Pacific Coast Union.

The decision of the general fire agents of the Pacific coast that the rates in Butte shall not be raised is based on very good reasons and business judgments, for according to the last reports there is in all the western states not such a profitable field as Butte. It is estimated that there is in force in Butte about \$10,000,000 of insurance upon which an annual premium of \$250,000 is paid, while the fire losses for last year were only about \$25,000. Butte is recognized as the best town in the state and Montana as the best state in the Pacific Coast Union. The losses are less and the premiums higher. The average loss ratio in the state last year was only 35 per cent, while in other states it is about 50 per cent. The premiums are generally high, it is claimed, because the rates are not properly adjusted. As an example it is pointed out that on a haberdasher's stock of goods on the west side of Main street the rate is \$1.50 per \$100, while on a stock of men's furnishing goods on the other side of the street the rate is \$1.80, though both stocks are in brick buildings. On the other hand, in support of the difference, is the fact that in the latter case several wooden shacks adjoin the building.

A report of premiums collected and losses sustained by the different companies doing business in Montana has just been published. It is as follows:

Companies.	Premiums.	Losses.
Aachen & Munich.....	1,259	709
American, Newark.....	5,182	1,438
American, Philadelphia.....	6,412	1,438
American, Central.....	9,079	2,385
Atlas.....	10,097	4,157
Aetna.....	23,047	9,871
Alliance Assurance.....	8,684	1,034
British American.....	6,045	1,491
Caledonian.....	15,414	1,661
Commercial Union.....	17,427	1,766
Continental.....	1,766	1,766
Connecticut.....	8,123	2,105
Fire Association.....	10,173	1,380
Firemen's Fund.....	30,971	6,700
Franklin.....	1,101	1,758
Firemen's, Baltimore.....	396	396
German American.....	10,553	128
Greenwich.....	2,801	48
Hamburg-Bremen.....	3,608	6,142
Hanover.....	4,332	377
Home Mutual.....	10,395	4,101
Home, New York.....	24,593	7,798
Hartford & New York.....	36,533	7,037
Insurance Co. of North America.....	10,718	4,004
Imperial.....	10,903	1,087
Lancashire.....	11,053	3,205
Liverpool & London & Globe.....	36,732	39,659
London & Lancashire.....	15,600	9,019
Lion.....	7,795	602
Manchester.....	16,089	3,100
Milwaukee Mechanics.....	3,697	275
Madagascar.....	3,638	3,655
National, Hartford.....	15,997	7,614
Norwich Union.....	5,982	1,396
Northern Assurance.....	4,997	2,351
North British.....	13,117	3,885
Niagara.....	3,117	1,830
North German.....	5,401	2,326
Orient.....	6,601	2,754
Palatine.....	4,755	1,858
Prussian National.....	3,449	1,457
Phoenix, Hartford.....	24,593	7,855
Phoenix, London.....	13,680	12,719
Phoenix, Brooklyn.....	14,380	2,822
Pennsylvania.....	6,895	1,055
Prov.-Washington.....	4,289	757
Queen.....	4,491	738
Royal Exchange.....	4,913	6,709
Springfield.....	12,558	3,514
Svea.....	5,312	1,196
St. Paul.....	11,732	4,692
Scottish Union.....	9,648	2,265
Union, London.....	4,550	1,858
Transatlantic.....	9,376	2,316
Union Assurance.....	14,938	7,268
Western Assurance.....	5,666	875
Westchester.....	5,248	783
Totals.....	\$622,106	\$231,219

Average loss ratio, 36.6 per cent.

The Pacific Coast Union comprises the states of Washington, Oregon, New Mexico, Arizona, Wyoming, Utah, Idaho, Montana, Colorado, California, Nevada and British Columbia. In the report of fires for May the losses in the different states are shown as follows:

Montana.....	\$5,101
Washington.....	15,724
Oregon.....	8,638
New Mexico.....	3,390
Arizona.....	3,887
Wyoming.....	664
Utah.....	2,175
Nevada.....	3,790
British Columbia.....	863
California (outside San Francisco).....	109,971
Total San Francisco.....	143,009
Total Pacific Coast.....	\$267,920

The loss in Butte in May was only \$150. The other Montana losses were as follows: Miles City, \$2,212; Meaderville, \$900; Miles City, \$899.

The total amount of premiums paid by Idaho in 1895 was \$147,940 and the losses \$46,364, the average loss ratio being 31.4 per cent.

County Affairs.

The county commissioners yesterday received a report from Assessor Warfield, showing that during the quarter ending on the 1st of the month he had collected \$12,756 in poll tax. Being allowed a commission of 5 per cent, or \$637.80, he deducted that amount and paid the balance of \$12,118.20 over to the county treasurer.

A communication was received from H. L. Frank expressing his intention of withdrawing from the bond of W. F. Kirkwood, a Meaderville justice of the peace. Kirkwood was notified to file a new bond at once.

The bill of Dr. Murray for the care of

COURTENAY, CASE & GRAVELLE COMPANY
BARGAINS THAT APPEAL TO EVERY PRUDENT SHOPPER

Ladies' Capes and Suits

\$5.00 Ladies' Black and Colored Cloth Capes; also Fancy Silk and Velvet Capes, handsomely embroidered; regular \$5.50 and \$10 Capes for..... \$5.00

A Snap in Ladies' Suits

Scotch Cheviot Suits; Fancy Mixed Suits, Covert Cloth Suits, Blazer and Reefer Jackets, worth \$13.50 to \$16; to clean out we make them all.....

\$10.00

WRECKED BY A CIGAR.

The Drummer Came to Solid Grief Because He Handed Out the Wrong Weed. M. Quad in Washington Star.

"Thanks, but I never accept cigars from any one," said the man with the yellow whiskers as he waved the case away. "It's an idiom of mine, and I hope you won't be offended."

"Afraid of poison?" queried the other.

"Oh, no, no. I had a little adventure with a cigar once upon a time, and I don't mind relating it. Our firm in Chicago was after a big contract down the state and I was sent down to Springfield to work a certain man who would throw the job our way. As luck would have it, I met him on the train, and as we were both smokers we talked over our cigars. I accepted one of his on the go off, and when we had finished 'em I handed out my case. There were just two cigars in it. One was the last of a box—the other had been given by some acquaintance to try. By the time we lighted up a second time I had my little scheme working all right and was putting myself on the back, but wreck and desolation were on my trail."

"Train run off the track?"

"No; not that. The man had smoked about one-third of that cigar when there was a s-w-l-s-h! bang! and she exploded on him. It was a torpedo cigar which some miserable cuss had put off on me for a joke, and it worked my ruin. My man had his mustache and eyebrows singed, the end of his nose blistered and his eyes filled with ashes, and he arose in his wrath and fell upon me."

"When he had me by the hair and gas blasting my blooming eyes? Not much! Explanations were not in order. He punched thunder out of me in about a minute, and of course, we lost the contract and I lost a good deal, and that's why I buy my own cigars and don't want to mix in any extras."

Thos. Plant Co. dark tan vice kid cloth top button and lace, all styles, \$3.50. John Caplice Co.

For the populist convention in St. Louis the Union Pacific railway will sell tickets for \$47.50. Date of sale will be July 18 and 19. Limited for return until July 29.

Yellowstone National Park trips only \$30, starting from Bozeman and Cinnabar. Write for particulars. A. Lyman, Bozeman.

\$47.50—St. Louis and Return—\$47.50.

For the populist and silver convention to be held at St. Louis July 22, the Northern Pacific and Burlington Short Line have named a round trip rate of \$47.50. Tickets will be on sale July 18 and 19, final limit July 29. The Washington and Oregon delegates will use the above lines and will be provided with through sleepers, which will run through to St. Louis without change. Parties who desire to join the Washington and Oregon delegation should make application to W. M. Tuohy, Gen. Agt. Nor. Pac., Butte, Mont., or Phil Daniels, T. P. A., Burlington Route, Butte, Mont.

Special for the Races.

The Montana Union again makes the pace between Butte and Anaconda. During the races at Anaconda a special train will be run leaving Butte at 1 p. m. and returning at 9 p. m., making the time in 45 minutes. This is the fastest train ever run in the Northwest.

B. & P. Race Trains.

Fare one dollar (\$1.00) for round trip, Butte to Anaconda and return. Tickets good only on race train, leaving Butte 1 p. m. and returning leave Anaconda at 9 p. m.

New Designs in Wall Paper at Schatzlein's, 14 W. Broadway.

John Meek, cigars, 122 W. Park st.

To all Persons Whom This May Concern:

Take notice, that I, Patrick Mullins, am the sole and exclusive owner of all book accounts and evidences of indebtedness now due and owing to John E. Curran, growing out of and arising from the business heretofore conducted by the said John E. Curran, at the Southern Hotel, in Butte, Montana, the said business and the said accounts and evidences of indebtedness having been purchased by me; and all persons indebted to the said John E. Curran for board and lodging furnished by the said John E. Curran during the period said John E. Curran conducted and operated the said Southern Hotel, are hereby notified to pay such sums as may be so due and owing by them, to no other person than the undersigned. Dated at Butte, Montana, this tenth day of July, A. D. 1896.

PAT MULLINS.

Commencing Sunday, June 21st, continuing throughout the summer, the Northern Pacific will run a special Sunday excursion train to Pipestone and Whitehall. The train will leave the Northern Pacific local depot at 9 a. m., returning will leave Whitehall at 6:30 p. m., Pipestone 7 p. m., Round trip to Pipestone, \$1; Whitehall, \$2.

KEEP OFF THE HOSE

Chief Werner's Rule to Prevent Interference at Fires by Spectators.

HE SERVES FORMAL NOTICE

Druggists and Other Merchants Must Comply With the New Ordinance Requiring the Storage of Explosives.

Fire Chief Werner has established a rule which will prevent interference with the firemen by spectators at fires, and at the same time it is expected to increase the efficiency of the department. The crowds which rush to fires in Butte are the most inquisitive in the world. People who have no earthly business at a fire will crowd around it so close as to greatly interfere with the firemen and occasionally they crowd into a burning building to such an extent that the firemen are compelled to fight their way from one point to another. After the memorable dynamite explosion curious people stayed away from fires for awhile but they have recently made themselves as much of a nuisance as ever.

Section 14 of ordinance No. 143, which governs the fire department, provides as follows:

"The fire marshal may prescribe limits in the vicinity of a fire within which no person except those residing therein, members of the fire department and police force are those admitted by said marshal or his subordinates shall be permitted to come." A fine of not more than \$100 is provided for each offense.

Under this ordinance Chief Werner yesterday afternoon informed Chief of Police Tebo that the fire department hereafter will require two-thirds of the street in front of every fire and 50 feet on each side. Chief Tebo will co-operate entirely with the fire chief in this matter and every outsider who ventures inside of the prescribed limits at a fire will be arrested and prosecuted.

Chief Werner served formal notice on all druggists, merchants and other interested parties yesterday that they must comply with the new ordinance requiring the storage of explosives immediately or take the consequences. The new ordinance is much more sweeping in its provisions than most people imagine. It prohibits the storage of more than 100 pounds of gun powder, giant powder, nitroglycerine, and other inflammable and explosive materials, including coal oil, kerosene, petroleum and gasoline within three miles of the city limits. A fine of any amount not to exceed \$300 is provided for every violation of the ordinance. Under this ordinance the Continental Oil company's tanks in South Butte, in which thousands of gallons of kerosene are stored, will have to be moved outside of the prescribed three mile limit. Chief Werner is not playing any favorites and he has stated that the oil tanks must be moved.

Fifteen gallons of gasoline is the largest quantity that can be stored inside of the city limits under the ordinance and the fire chief considers that this amount is fully as large as it should be. In a tour of inspection yesterday afternoon he found a dozen people who were violating the ordinance and he warned them to comply with it at once. Nearly every assay office and drug store in the city had two or three times the lawful amount of gasoline on hand. Two-thirds of the fires during the last four months have been caused by gasoline and the chief proposes that this section of the ordinance shall be strictly enforced.

The only place at which the chief found giant powder stored was at the Butte Hardware company's store. He found a quantity of caps largely in excess of the limit stored there and they were moved at once.

The Race Train via B. & P. R'y leaves Butte at 1 p. m., and runs direct to race track. Returning train leaves Anaconda at 9 p. m.

The Montana Union.

Beginning to-day and continuing until the close of the races at Anaconda, the train scheduled to leave Anaconda for Butte at 8:15 p. m. will leave at 9 p. m. and will arrive in Butte at 9:45 p. m.

John Tassell, the shoe man, has opened up a first-class shoe store at 25 West Park. Call and see him.

A carload of tan and black Oxfords, hand turned, \$1 and \$1.50. John Caplice Co.

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A good remedy, and there is not anything on the market that equals French Tansy Tablets for the relief and cure of painful or irregular menses. These tablets remove all obstructions, no matter what the cause. Manufactured by A. Augendre, Paris, France, and for sale only by D. M. Newbro Drug Co., Butte, Mont., sole agents. Price, \$2 per box; sent by mail securely sealed.

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Hats

Gent's Soft Felt Hats, all shapes, Latest Colorings, newest styles, worth \$2.50.....

\$1.50 EACH

Gent's Hard Felt Hats, best and prettiest shapes.....

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A few left; \$6.50 Patent Leather Shoes..

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Twenty-Five per cent discount. Closing out this line of Goods.

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New lot Gent's Wash Windsors in dots, Stripes, Persian Effects.....

25 CENTS EACH

Reversible and Washable Four-in-Hand Ties.....

25 CENTS EACH

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YOU can buy as fine Groceries in this city as can be bought in any city in the country.

Store excels in this particular? It is conceded that all the stores carry a good line of groceries, but I believe that the White Front is the leader in High Grade groceries.

WHAT Is the name of some of the goods? The Gilt Edge Flour, Clover Leaf Butter, Diamond C and Gold Band Hams and Bacon and special brands of Teas and Coffees, and Canned Fruits and Vegetables.

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No. 7 grade.....\$1.20

Diston No. 8 Grade, skew back.....1.45

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Star Hack Saw Frame, nickel-plated, can face any direction 40

Bailey Block Plane......85

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Bailey Smooth Plane, 9-inch.....1.35

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